

Mercury Status Report 8-23-07

1. Established Statewide Mercury Workgroup September 2005
2. Workgroup has met 7 times starting in 2005
3. Adopted Purpose and Objectives
4. Developed draft goals 2006-2007
5. Collected and analyzed over 1,100 fish in 220 locations
6. Issued 9 fish consumption advisories
7. Issued waterfowl advisory for 3 species of ducks
8. Assembled a Great Salt Lake Research Team and obtained over \$250,000 In grants and state funding to investigate Hg in the GSL
9. Developed standard collection, handling and analytical protocols for fish analysis
10. DEQ adopted the Clean Air Mercury Rule (spring 2007)
11. Requested legislative funding for GSL investigation (obtained 66K funding)
12. Requested legislative funding for continued fish analysis, source assessment work and a mercury position (unsuccessful in 2007 legislative session)
13. Developed a Source Assessment Protocol to guide in site investigations where high mercury in fish or waterfowl are observed
14. DEQ has developed its own Mercury Action Plan and has raised mercury as a high priority item for Region 8 EPA and respective states
15. Legislature has adopted a mercury switch removal program being implemented by DEQ
16. Mercury website hosted by DEQ

What should we now focus on?

What are our goals for the next year?